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Applicants:	R.T. CHERN, et al.	
Serial No.:	09/271,098	Case No.: 20023Y
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For:	LIQUID POLYMERIC COMPOSITIONS FOR CONTROLLED RELEASE OF BIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES	

Art Unit:
1615
Examiner:
Sharareh, S.

The Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

**REQUEST FOR TWO-MONTH TIME EXTENSION
AND AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a two-month extension to August 6, 2002 of the deadline to respond to the Office Action mailed March 6, 2002, for the above-identified application. The fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(2) should be charged to Deposit Account 13-2755. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections in light of the following amendments and remarks.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on the date appearing below.

MERCK & CO., INC.

By Shu M. Lee Date Aug. 6, 2002